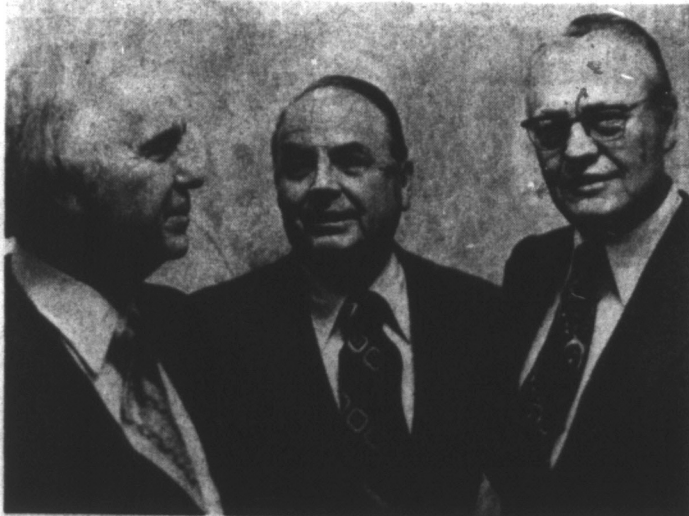


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Executive Secretaries' Officers

Officers for 1976-77 of the State Executive Secretaries Association of the Southern Baptist Convention are (from left) Joe L. Ingram, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, secretary; James Landes, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, vice president; and E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, president. The association met recently in San Francisco. (BP) Photo

## WMU Convention Will Meet March 22-24

The Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Annual Convention will be held March 22-24 at First Baptist Church, Gulfport, according to Miss Margaret Patterson, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi WMU.



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Attending the meeting will be women from every section of the state, with an attendance of up to 1,200.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Monday and adjourn at noon Wednesday. Speakers for the meeting will be Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, president, WMU, SBC; Dr. Peter Chen, San Francisco; Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson; and Mrs. Bryan Brasington, Richmond, Virginia.



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Mississippi foreign missionaries who will be participating in the meeting are Mrs. Bill Moseley, missionary to Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. Hal Lee, to France; Antonina Canzoneri, to Bahamas; Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Kolb, to Bra-

zil; Dorothy Latham, to Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. John Smith, to Indonesia; Mrs. Guy Henderson, to Philippines; Dr. and Mrs. Roy McGlamery, to Gaza; Mr. and

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## Disaster Committee Urges 'Quake Aid

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee has called on Southern Baptists to "respond generously to the widespread needs caused by the devastating earthquake in Guatemala."

"We commend the SBC Foreign Mission Board for moving promptly to alleviate human suffering and to help bring order out of the chaos that occurred on Feb. 4," said Jaroy Weber of Lubbock, Tex., committee chairman and SBC president.

"Within hours, missionary personnel on the scene had organized assistance under way. The board allocated \$100,000 in emergency funds for immediate use. Within 10 days, 10 news stories were moved through Baptist Press, the first one on the day of the earthquake," Weber said.

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## Recommends Budget

# Executive Committee Votes To Study Seminary Campaign

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, in semi-annual session here, approved a study to determine the feasibility of a joint fund raising campaign for the six SBC theological seminaries and recommended record SBC Cooperative Program and convention operating budgets for 1976-77.

The 65-person committee also approved a fund raising campaign for Southern Baptist The-

ological Seminary, approved an SBC Sunday School Board request for launching a magazine for senior adults, and recommended St. Louis as the site of the 1980 SBC meeting, June 10-12.

Among other actions, the committee also approved a complex formula for distribution of Cooperative Program unified budget funds to the six seminaries and recommended a change in the SBC constitution which would decrease the number of local mem-

bers serving as trustees of SBC boards and agencies.

Actions on the budgets, the 1980 SBC site, and the proposed constitutional change on local members will be among items needing final approval by messengers to the 1976 SBC in Norfolk, June 15-17.

The feasibility study would determine the need for a joint fund raising campaign by the seminaries of up to \$30 million, which would be divided equally among

the seminaries. The study grew out of an earlier request by Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., an Executive Committee member and former SBC president, that the seminaries be allowed to launch a \$100 million joint campaign.

Any such campaign would not go to churches but seek out support from individuals, business organizations, and foundations.

In September, the Executive Committee allowed Southwest Seminary, Fort Worth, to launch a \$8 million fund raising campaign in accordance with the SBC's business and financial plan. At the February meeting here the committee approved a similar \$10 million campaign for Southern Seminary, Louisville, during the period of January 1977 - January 1, 1980.

Either campaign could be coordinated with a nationwide effort (Continued on page 3)

## SBC Committee Urges Bold Advance Into 21st Century

NASHVILLE (BP) — A 21-person committee, mandated by Southern Baptists in 1974 to study the potential of the 12.7-million-member denomination's worldwide missions advance during the last 25 years of the 20th Century, presented 15 major recommendations to the SBC Executive Committee here.

The report will be voted on at the SBC annual meeting, June 14-15, in Norfolk.

The Missions Challenge Committee responded to an SBC request to study how the denomination's two mission boards and other agencies can work together to meet world needs in the final quarter of the century.

It did so by calling for accelerated cooperation of the agencies of the nation's largest Protestant denomination to achieve an accelerated level of missionary outreach.

The committee built the 15 recommendations around the first recommendation which urged the convention to set "as its primary missions challenge that every person in the world hear the gospel of Christ in the next 25 years."

In the presentation of this message, the committee said, the biblical faith should be "magnified so that all men, women, and children can understand the claim Jesus Christ has on their lives."

Before launching into specific recommendations on inter-agency cooperation to meet world needs, the committee recommended that the convention "reaffirm

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## Missions Week Of Prayer Ties With Bicentennial

"A New Birth of Freedom," marking the US Bicentennial, is the theme of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-14.

Throughout the SBC, church-wide observance of the Week of Prayer will include activities for all age groups to emphasize the missions need in 1976 USA.

The "New Birth of Freedom" theme coincides with the 200th anniversary of the birth of the nation. "Religious freedom played a dominant role in the gaining of

our national independence," pointed out the executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, in announcing plans for the observance.

"The Week of Prayer for Home Missions should help us re-evaluate our heritage and our responsibility to maintain free and widespread exercise of religion. Study of home missions in the bicentennial year should motivate us to take full advantage of our unlimited opportunities to make disciples," said Miss Weatherford.

"Baptists were influential in developing the nation. Now we need to be influential in the re-birth of the nation."

A \$8.5 million Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be attempted to meet missions needs through-

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## Salary Survey Forms Return Urged By Mar. 6

The return of all Church Staff Salary Study forms by March 6 has been requested by the Church Staff Salary Study Committee.

Gene A. Triggs, of Yazoo City, chairman of the committee, has pointed out that the committee will need the forms by March 15, and figures need to be (Continued on page 2)

## Foreign Mission Board Looks 25 Years Ahead

NASHVILLE (BP) — Emphasizing an over-arching objective of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world, the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board presented plans here for the next 25 years.

The report, presented to the

SBC Executive Committee, will be voted on by the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting, June 15-17, in Norfolk.

To reach the overall objective, the board's plans envision, by the year 2000, at least a 100 per cent increase in the number of missionaries, a 50 per cent increase in the number of countries in which missionaries serve, and an accelerated tempo of volunteer lay involvement overseas.

Missionary numbers would increase from over 2,000 now to more than 5,000, countries where missionaries serve from 81 to 125, and volunteers from 3,000 to 10,000 per year by the end of the century.

The report stresses that the Foreign Mission Board regards the concept of the career missionary (Continued on page 3)

## Home Board Projects Doubled Missions Force

NASHVILLE (BP) — The number of Southern Baptist home missionaries needed by the year 2000 will almost double if present trends and strategies continue, according to a projection report presented by the board's executive director here.

The report, tentatively projecting the board's human and financial resources to the year 2000, also identifies "itinerant" or "volunteer" missionaries as a viable and valuable force for home missions, that could increase from 20,000 in 1974 to more than 40,000

they deem advisable" in June, 1976.

Rutledge noted that the order for new plans and projecting for (Continued on page 3)





# SBC Committee Urges Bold Advance Into 21st Century

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the place and responsibility of the local church in missions." It urged that "all the agencies of the convention be called upon to reinforce this place by magnifying and promoting the biblical concept of missions, the importance of missions education and the power inherent in the interdependence and cooperation of the churches."

Realizing that financial support will make or break the ambitious plan of SBC missions advance into the 21st Century, the committee asked the convention to call on the denomination's 34,902 churches in 50 states "to teach the biblical revelation of Christian stewardship and develop plans and programs designed to enlist every member in the stewardship of possessions through the church."

Specifically that includes challenging members to increase contributions, with the tithe (one-tenth of income) as the minimum goal, challenging churches to increase the percentage of their giving through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget annually with a 50-50 division as a goal, and challenging state conventions to work toward a 50-50 division of Cooperative Program funds, after appropriate expenses, with SBC causes.

As part of the overall effort the committee asked the convention

to request the SBC Stewardship Commission, already active in Cooperative Program promotion, "to work with the state conventions to develop aggressive, sacrificial and bold promotional plans" to achieve objectives. Additionally, it urged pastors to "teach, preach, practice and lead their churches in the achievement of these worthy objectives."

Points of agency cooperation include the following:

—The Home and Foreign Mission Boards, with assistance of other appropriate SBC agencies, were urged to "undertake seriously the creative addition of new patterns of work that will help accomplish the objective of every person hearing the gospel in the next 25 years."

The committee urged that in development of these patterns "full emphasis be placed upon the Bible in the communication of missions, upon research as a fundamental necessity for missions, upon cooperation as a way of magnifying the missions witness of the church, and upon doctrinal integrity as a way of preserving the faith."

—The two missions boards, Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission and the Sunday School Board were asked to report to the convention in one year on two assignments.

The committee requested the

five agencies "to work together to discover and implement the best ways for strengthening the biblical understanding of missions in the minds of all Southern Baptists" and "to discover and implement plans for a broader based missions education to reach all the members of the churches."

—The two mission boards also were asked:

1. "To develop as many ways as possible for long and short term involvement of persons in direct mission work in the modern setting" and, in cooperation with other agencies, "to enlist and guide lay persons with practical and spiritual gifts and callings in all phases of mission work, especially in such areas as publications, radio and TV, medical work, education, etc."

2. "To work with other agencies to facilitate the use of their special skills in mission work, recognizing the leadership responsibility of the two boards."

3. "To work together with the other appropriate agencies in developing a ministry and witness with foreigners sojourning in our land, with seamen who call at our ports, with international students in our colleges and universities, and with internationals along the borders of our nation."

—The six SBC theological seminaries, in cooperation with the two

missions boards, were asked "to review and strengthen the academic and clinical programs for the training of those dedicated to missions service."

—The Executive Committee was asked to work with the two mission board, WMU, Brotherhood Commission, Stewardship Commission, Sunday School Board and the seminaries "to secure full implementation of these recommendations," and "to coordinate denominational missions goals and action plans looking toward the 21st Century." The Executive Committee was asked to report for the groups "periodically for the next five years on progress made in achievement of missions."

Other recommendations urged convention emphasis on themes for reaching out through bold mission thrusts and encouraged SBC seminaries, colleges, teachers, pastors, assemblies, encampments and conference centers to get behind the effort in various ways.

The Missions Challenge Committee grew out of a recommendation by the Committee of 15, a now-defunct study committee of the Executive Committee which studied SBC agencies. The Missions Challenge Committee became a convention committee when the 1974 SBC accepted the Executive Committee's recommendation that it be formed.



Press Association Officers

New officers for the Southern Baptist Press Association are (from left) Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, president; Jack U. Harwell, editor of The Christian Index, president-elect; R. G. Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist, secretary-treasurer. The association met recently in San Francisco and is the organization of Southern Baptist state papers. (BP) Photo.

## Disaster Committee Urges 'Quake Aid'

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Weber, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, urged Baptists to make contributions through their state Baptist conventions "where they will be quickly relayed through the Foreign Mission Guatemala for relief and rehabilitation."

"Money is the most useful gift," said Weber, who appealed to Southern Baptists to respond "in the spirit of Christ whose compassion reaches out to the victims of misfortune."

A statement released by the committee said food and medical supplies are now available in sufficient quantities and that clothing drives "are not practical or needed at this time."

Weber said volunteers for work in Guatemala are being organized through the state Baptist Brotherhood offices, according to Eugene Grubbs, relief coordinator for the Foreign Mission Board.

"The first team of 20 workers, recruited in Florida, left for Guatemala, Sunday, February 15. Other teams for reconstruction work are being assembled to help rebuild homes and churches. A church can be rebuilt for as little as \$10,000. As many as 15 Baptist churches must be replaced," Weber said.

The committee noted that Southern Baptist missionaries in Guatemala are working with other relief agencies to coordinate disaster recovery efforts, avoid overlapping and provide the best use of resources.

"The missionaries," the committee statement noted, "are concentrating on four agreed upon and assigned areas for their responsibility: Zone 3, the worst hit area in Guatemala City, plus four towns elsewhere."

## WMU Convention Will Meet March 22-24

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Mrs. Ralph Davis, to Ghana; Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Applewhite, to Indonesia; Georgia Mae Ogburn, to Chile; Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Rankin, to Indonesia; and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams, to Niger Republic.

Mrs. Robert Smira of Jackson, president, Mississippi WMU, will preside over the meetings.

Other officers are Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., of Woodville, vice president; Mrs. John Caussey, of Corinth, recording secretary; and Mrs. Joel D. Ray, of Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary.

The theme for this year's convention according to Miss Patterson will be "Freedom to Be."

Directing the music and presenting selections will be Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sigrest, music evangelists from Yazoo City.

The Monday evening session will provide an emphasis on our nation's Bicentennial and will feature a patriotic medley by the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, under the direction of Mr. Jimmy Cutrell.

Mrs. Gregory will speak during the Tuesday morning session. Also at this session parents of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized.

The Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions will spotlight Mississippi foreign missionaries. During the evening session there will be a parade of the flags of the nations, and following the session there will be a reception and autograph party. GA's and Acteens are specially invited to attend the evening activities.

Dr. Peter Chen, pastor of Chin-

ese Grace Baptist Church in San Francisco, will be telling of his work in California on Wednesday morning.

Leading the meditation period at each session will be Mrs. Herman Sehested of Fort Worth Texas.

A business session will include the election of officers for the coming year and reports of several convention committees.

Pastor of the host church is Dr. John Traylor.

### Prentiss Pastor

### Accepts Austin,

### Texas, Pastorate

Rev. Bob Sheffield, pastor of Prentiss Baptist Church at Prentiss for five years, has accepted the call of the Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin, Texas.

Congress Avenue Baptist Church is a church of 2,500 members located on the edge of downtown Austin and on the main thoroughfare into the city from the south. The street runs directly to the Texas state capitol building.

Rev. Sheffield is following the 15-year pastorate of Rev. Gordon Bays at Congress Avenue Baptist Church. Through the years special ministries to the deaf have been developed there.

He is a native of Raymond, Ms. and a graduate of both Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Congress Avenue Baptist Church is located at 1511 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704.



R. L. and Beth Sigrest

## Foreign Mission

## Board Looks

## 25 Years Ahead

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as basic, while recognizing the valuable contributions of short term and volunteer personnel.

Highlights of the board's plans include proposals to greatly expand efforts in evangelism, especially in urban areas and among students and other young people. An appendix to the report outlines a four-phase plan for major city evangelization, including preparation, penetrating and saturation, campaigns, and follow-up.

The report, which grew out of a mandate from the SBC in 1974 in Dallas that the Home and Foreign Mission Boards implement "bold new plans" for missions advance, also projects vastly increased use of mass media to play a vital role in mission efforts.

That would include increased use of radio, television, and publications, according to the report, which also cites the need to take advantage of the technological revolution by using such things as satellites and computers as "servants of Christian missions."

Another emphasis of the report involved increased and more effective leadership training for national Baptists through strengthened seminaries, theological training by extension, and lay leadership on the board's far-flung mission fields.

The report speaks to the need for a continuation of joint efforts between missionaries and national Baptist leadership in planning and implementing this training.

Accented attention to human need — through health care, disease prevention, benevolent and social ministries, and vigorous and prompt attention to world hunger and disasters — is also highlighted in the report.

The Foreign Mission Board also expressed a commitment to church development and projected a tenfold increase in the number of churches on foreign mission fields from some 7,330 in 1975 to some 73,400 by 2000. The report also calls for corresponding increases in baptisms, which numbered 70,712 in 1975.

## National Colloquium Will Explore Christian Education

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (BP) — A battery of prominent educators and denominational leaders will address themselves to the challenges of Christian education in America's third century at a National Colloquium on Christian Education here, June 9-12.

The colloquium is sponsored by the Education Commission of 12.6-million-member Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, made up of 71 Baptist colleges, schools and seminaries from California to Virginia.

Addressing itself to the theme, "Looking to the Third Century with Confidence," the colloquium will introduce a three year study of Baptist education. That study will feature workshops, seminars and regional meetings for pastors, administrators, faculty members, and denominational leaders throughout the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Participants at the four-day gathering, which meets prior to

### Gustafson To

### Be Guest At

### 1st, Jackson

Dr. John Gustafson of Barrington, Rhode Island, will be guest at First Church, Jackson March 4 - March 7. He will be working with the Revelation on "Here Comes the Son," a musical by Paul Johnson, to be presented on Friday, March 19 at Mississippi College. Also, he will be meeting with the music staff and presenting a concert with the Sanctuary Choir on Sunday evening, March 7.

For 19 years, Dr. Gustafson served as minister of music at First Church, Van Nuys, California where the music program grew from two choirs with 135 people to 25 vocal and instrumental groups with a total of 1800 people involved.

He is noted for super special musical productions, TV specials, world-wide tours, as well as recordings by singers from children's choirs through adult choir. He has received two honorary degrees — Doctor of Sacred Music from John Brown University and Doctor of Divinity from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary.

Recently, he moved to Rhode Island where he is vice-president of Barrington College. Ministers of music are invited to attend a luncheon with Dr. Gustafson on Friday, March 5 at 12 noon at First Baptist Church. The cost will be \$3.00. At that time, Gustafson will give a slide presentation of his ministry at Van Nuys. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please contact the Music Office at First Baptist by Tuesday, March 2.

## Missions Week Of Prayer Ties With Bicentennial

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ghout the home mission field.

Recommended allocations for the \$9.5 million goal involve expenditures of \$7.3 million for support of home missionaries and field ministries. The allocation for special projects is \$1.5 million. All received above the \$8.7 million will be used for the Home Mission Board's Bold Mission Thrust in Evangelism and Missions.

Bold Missions Thrust in Evangelism and Missions will entail expenditures for Christian social ministries, pastoral missions, TV evangelism, leadership training schools, and other special missions projects.

Activities during the Week of Prayer will furnish all church participants information about prayer, personnel, and finance needs in home missions. Churches will be observing "Spirit of '76" celebrations to begin the Week of Prayer. The celebration may include old-fashioned church suppers.

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Suggested activities include missionary sermons, personal tes-

timonies, prayer calendar readings at March worship services and pretend freedom tours.

WMU's Girls in Action will aid in Wee of Prayer activities by providing songs, poems, and illustrating missions needs. GAs will also present an historical play about Annie Armstrong.

"Let Christ's Freedom Ring," a Christian musical written for the nation's bicentennial, is suggested for presentation during the week.

The Week of Prayer began in 1895 when Woman's Missionary Union observed a "Week of Self-Denial" as a special season of prayer and contributions to missions. The name "Thank-Offering" was given the "Week of Self-Denial" in 1922. The "Thank-Offering" became known as Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in 1933, named for Annie Armstrong, the first corresponding secretary of WMU, founded in 1888. The final name change came in 1960 when the offering name was changed to identify it more closely with Easter.

Woman's Missionary Union continues to initiate and promote the observance, aided by Brotherhood, other church programs, and pastors.

## Salary Survey

## Forms Return

## Urged By Mar. 6

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compiled by that time to be effective as part of the report.

Of the 1,680 forms sent out to pastors, some 587 had been returned to the Baptist Building in Jackson by Feb. 20, Triggs indicated. He said the form should be returned to the office of Church-Minister Relations, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

In addition to Triggs, the committee members are Powell G. Ogletree, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Charles L. Lewis, Meridian; Bobby L. Kirk, Doddsville; and Dr. James Gatewood, Columbus.

## Concert To Feature Music By Americans

Billy R. Trotter, assistant professor of music at Mississippi College will present a special organ

program Tuesday, March 2, featuring the music by American composers as part of the nation's Bicentennial and the college's Sesquicentennial celebration.

The "All American" program will begin at 8 p.m. in Provine Chapel and is open to the general public. It was originally scheduled for Feb. 3 but had to be rescheduled due to conflicts.

Trotter will be playing compositions by such well-known American composers as Charles Ives, Vincent Persichetti, Robert L. Moore, Scott Winthrop, Dale Wood, and Leo Sowerby.

### Concerts In Laurel

February 28 and 29 will be dates for worship through music at Harmony, Laurel. Bill and Marian Lee of Louisville, Kentucky will conduct these services. The Saturday service begins at 7 p.m. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Jim Mashburn, pastor, invites the public to attend these "Concerts for Christ."



# Executive Committee Votes To Study Seminary Campaign

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but each seminary would keep whatever it raised in local campaigns and divide the proceeds of any joint effort.

The Executive Committee recommended a record \$55 million Cooperative Program Budget for 1976-77, which would include a \$49 million basic operating budget, \$1,080,000 for capital needs and some \$4,820,000 in challenge funds.

The proposed budget exceeds the 1975-76 goal, which calls for a \$51 million total budget, including a \$41 million basic operating budget, \$1,080,000 for capital needs and the remainder in challenge funds.

A convention operating budget of \$909,000 was also approved for 1976-77. That includes the annual budget of the Executive Committee, the cost of operating the annual SBC meeting, the SBC's contribution to the Baptist World Alliance, and other items.

The Sunday School Board won approval to launch "Mature Living," a monthly magazine with a target date of April, 1977. A spokesman said the board projects a monthly circulation of 100,000 by the end of the first year.

The formula for distribution of Cooperative Program funds to se-

minaries grew out of an increasing need to devise a manner of distribution which would more adequately fund the needs of the seminaries.

The formula, which includes a number of complex factors, was based on a long study by SBC leaders and educational consultants and was unanimously approved by the six seminary presidents.

The basic alteration in the SBC constitution's Article VI on the question of local trustees would change the number of trustees from "the city or vicinity of the state in which the board is located" from 18 to 12. It would also reduce the number of local members from any one church from 5 to 3.

The recommendation grew out of a motion at the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention by Kenneth Barnett, then a messenger from Oklahoma, which would have had the effect of abolishing local boards altogether and seeking wider representation.

Barnett, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Springer, N. Mex., attended the hearings and told the Executive Committee's administrative subcommittee that he would support the revised proposal at the convention.

Last year, an Executive Com-

mittee recommendation to the convention that the figures be reduced from 18 to 12 and 5 to 4 was referred back for further study.

The 1976 recommendation, in addition to lessening the local board members, would also lower membership requirements for representation in much the same manner as the original 1973 motion on the convention floor requested.

If approved, boards of trustees would be allowed an additional member from each state with 250,000 Southern Baptists, instead of the current 500,000. Each state would also be allowed an additional representative for each additional 250,000, as the SBC constitution now stipulates.

Another suggested change, for Commissions whose trustees are not determined by charter requirements, would reduce local members from 10 to 8 and representatives of the same church from 5 to 2.

The original motion grew out of a feeling that SBC boards and agencies need wider representation. The latest recommendation seeks to incorporate that feeling but not abolish local members because of the need of agencies to have members close by to assist with corporate work that a board

made up of only distant members would find more difficult to accomplish.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, told the Executive Committee, "This recommendation is a compromise between the recommendation (originally) on the floor of the convention and the working reality of the agencies. To reduce it to 12 persons is painful to the agencies, but this is better than reducing it to 8 or 6 or none. We appreciate the work of local members." He said he understood the problem and "could live with it."

In other action, the Executive Committee agreed to recommend to the convention in Norfolk that the Home Mission Board be allowed to change its charter so that its church loan division could guarantee loans to churches from other lending institutions when advisable. The change is in keeping with the laws of Georgia, where the Home Mission Board was chartered.

The Executive Committee also voted to sponsor a Consultation on Program Budgeting to give SBC agency heads, state executive secretaries, and other appropriate personnel more detailed information on the nature and value of program budgeting.



BAPTIST LAYMEN BEGIN THE MENDING—Baptists from throughout the United States have responded to the needs of Guatemalan earthquake survivors with food, medicines, and medical and construction teams. Dr. Phil Berry, orthopedist, and Skip Barkley, orthopedic technician, both from Dallas, are among those Baptists volunteering. The Feb. 4 earthquake left 20,000 dead and up to a million homeless. (BP) Photo by Charlie Warren.

## HMB May Double Mission Force

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future needs came at a good time for the Home Mission Board, "since we were already involved in such study at the time."

Projects to the year 2000, Rutledge said, have not been formally adopted by the Home Mission Board, but were prepared as an indication of what might be expected in the final quarter of this century.

The report "contains the best project that could be made using past trends and scientific means of projecting these trends into the

future. Any such projections should be viewed from the perspective that the farther out into the future they are extended, the less the projections reflect the reality of that period... such projections should be reevaluated at least every five years."

Projecting financial needs from year end 1975 to 2000 with a 1.5 percent per year increase in missionaries, the report says a 4 percent per year inflation rate could push budget needs from \$21.39 million in 1975 to \$110.7 million in 2000. At a 7 percent per year in-

flation rate, the figures would go from \$21.39 million to \$225.06 million by 2000. A 4 percent inflation rate, however, would mean that financial needs and income might be comparable, if the missionary force increased about 1.5 percent annually.

Projected income to the year 2000 for the home board, came to \$102.9 million, less than the 7 percent inflation rate, and even less than the financial needs at 6 or 5 percent inflation rates, \$178.5 million and \$140.5 million, respectively.

The financial projections were made, Rutledge noted, from past trends of the board's three main sources of income—the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program uni-

fied budget, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and other income.

Board plans, the report notes, continue to place evangelism as top priority, with urban centers to receive the "major thrust" of its work.

Concern was cited for welfare, rehabilitation, education and race relations and relating these to "public and private agencies working in these areas, avoiding duplication of efforts... We shall try to cooperate without sacrifice or violation of the principle of religious liberty."

The report stresses further: "We shall be concerned for human welfare even when it may not be feasible to cooperate with government agencies in meeting some of these needs."

## Guatemala Survey Team Makes Recommendations



line so supplies could be in the disaster area within 12 hours.

When a disaster hits, Fowler said, "We don't have time to organize or set up free transport." Supplies must be ready before a tragedy hits. Fowler recommends prepackaged kits of medical supplies that doctors and other people going into the disaster area could carry with them as excess baggage. He also suggested that other basic equipment should be in larger prepackaged units for immediate shipping.

A strong evangelistic approach while meeting physical needs was also suggested. Smith, referring to the Guatemala situation, cited one example.

"There should be one Spanish-speaking, Bible-preaching member on any construction crew that goes in to help rebuild," Smith said. "All should have evangelistic training and be prepared to use evangelistic opportunities."

The importance of maintaining communication was emphasized by the board staff members. In rapidly changing circumstances such as a disaster, frequent contact must be made among missionaries, the Foreign Mission Board, national leaders, other relief groups, and state Baptist conventions that sponsor volunteer personnel.

The board will study possibilities for improving the flow of communication.

The Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$100,000 to aid victims of the intensive and disastrous earthquake which hit early Feb. 4. The action was taken in the board's February meeting held in Richmond, Va.

"Other needs will be met in Guatemala as they are made apparent to us," said Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean. "Southern Baptists are continuing to respond with relief efforts."

Medical teams and various supplies were dispatched to the area in response to requests made by Dr. Alfonso Lemos, head of public health in Guatemala.

Responding to the request were traumatologists George Sibley, Bill Perry, and S. Barkley; and surgeon Scott Middleton, all Baptist laymen from Dallas, Tex.

Also, Southern Baptist missionary doctors George H. Kollmer and Robert L. Edwards from Barranquilla, Colombia, and W. David Harms from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, went to Guatemala, as did Francis Crawford, Southern Baptist missionary nurse from Tegucigalpa.

### Congressman Bowen

## "Child Services" Bill Fears Are Groundless

WASHINGTON — Congressman David Bowen says a controversial child and family services bill is "apparently a hoax perpetrated through an anonymous nationwide mailing campaign."

Bowen said he and other members of the Mississippi House delegation have been flooded with mail and calls concerning the bill, H. R. 2966, and a companion measure in the Senate.

In a statement from his Washington office, Bowen charged: "These anonymous leaflets and flyers which have alarmed many parents and citizens cite non-existent pages in the Congressional Record and described a piece of legislation which bears no resemblance to the one cited."

"H. R. 2966 will probably not

be passed because it costs too much money, but in no way proposes a government takeover of child raising. It actually deals with day care, child nutrition and related services, and research in to the problems of children.

"We do not know who is behind this campaign, but there are certain forces at work both at home and abroad who have a direct interest in trying to discredit our government and ferment unrest among our people."

"I would be as disturbed as anyone about such legislation as described by the anonymous propaganda, if such a bill existed, and I can assure our people that we will be on guard if any such proposal ever comes before Congress," Bowen concluded.

### Study Course Offers Deacon Ministry Diploma

NASHVILLE — Persons who study and receive Church Study Course credit for six selected books may now receive a special diploma in deacon ministry from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The books to be studied include "The Ministry of the Deacon" by Howard B. Foshee; "A Church at Work" by Allen W. Graves; "Baptist Faith and Message" by Herschel Hobbs; "Call to Joy" by Ernest Mosley; "Growing a Loving Church" by Robert D. Dale; and "Vocational Guidance in a Church" by Mosley and Alice Magill.

After credit has been earned for each book, the participant may request a diploma from the Church Study Course Awards Office, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

### Revelation Bible Conference At Southern Hills

The book of Revelation will be the theme of a four day Bible conference at Southern Hills Baptist Church in Jackson, beginning on Sunday, February 29 and continuing through Wednesday.

Preacher and teacher for the conference will be Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record. He will speak on Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. services and at 7 p.m. each evening.

In announcing the conference the pastor, Rev. David Cranford, says that the public is cordially invited to all of the services.

Southern Hills Church is located on Henderson Road just off McClure Road.

## Pastor's Daughter Is New State Junior Miss

Mississippi's new Junior Miss is Camille Martin, daughter of Rev. W. Everette Martin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ridgeland. Camille is active at the church, being pianist on Sunday nights and director of a children's choir in addition to other more routine activities.

The first runner up, Kim Kennedy, is also a Baptist and a member of First Baptist Church, Meridian.

At least one other Baptist young lady achieved recognition in the pageant held at Meridian. Rita Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wood of Jackson, received a special achievement award given in the creative and performing arts division. Miss Wood won the award by virtue of a piano performance. Her father is minister of music at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

Miss Martin will represent Mississippi in the America's Junior Miss Pageant to be held in May in Mobile.

Camille is a senior at Madison Ridgeland Academy, where she was voted the most beautiful girl and the class favorite. She is director of the children's choir, the girls' ensemble, and on the gymnastic team.

She plans to attend Mississippi University for Women, where she has a scholarship by virtue of her Junior Miss title. She plans to major in psychology and specialize in adolescent psychology.

Mrs. W. Everette Martin, wife of the pastor of first Baptist Church, Ridgeland, stands behind their daughter, Camille, at the piano. Camille, new Mississippi Junior Miss, is pianist at the church for evening worship services.



### Billy Graham In Guatemala

"The devastation in Guatemala has stunned me much more than the war damage I saw in Viet Nam," said Dr. Billy Graham after a personal tour of the earthquake damaged Guatemala. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has chartered ten 727 and 707 jets to fly food and medical supplies into Guatemala. Dr. Graham toured the country by helicopter as the guest of President Langerud. He was accompanied by his wife, Ruth, who is recuperating from an illness, and vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Cliff Barrows.

The party visited the village of San-Martin-Jilotepeque, in the heavily earthquake damaged state of Chimaltenango, Guatemala. This village of 18,000 residents had 90 percent of its homes destroyed and 3,800 killed.

### Beulah Memorial To Dedicate Building Annex

Beulah Memorial at Brownsville will on February 29 dedicate the new addition of the church, which consists of pastor's study, three Sunday School rooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, baptistry and choir loft. There will be dinner on the ground, singing, and past pastors to speak.

Rev. Clifford Nelson is pastor.



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### A New Birth Of Freedom

We are approaching the annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions with its Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

The theme this year is "A New Birth of Freedom."

The goal for the 1976 offering is \$9,500,000.

Home Missions is one of the three major emphases Southern Baptists give to missions: Foreign, Home, and State Missions.

Home Missions is the Southern Baptist outreach to all of the United States. The Home Mission Board works with the leaders in the various states, so that Home Missions and State Missions are very closely related. Thus Home Missions is a thrust to all America, but it does not maintain mission programs which are independent of the states. For example, the Home Mission Board does not come into Mississippi to work with the Indians here, without coordinating its min-

istry with the state convention board.

This year's theme reminds us of the freedom we have in America, and of the even greater freedom we have in Jesus Christ. The task of the churches and the denomination through its boards, is to seek to bring multitudes in America who know only national freedom, into a personal relationship with Christ so that they can be free indeed.

When individuals and churches give to the Easter Offering they are sharing in the support of more than 2,000 missionaries, as they work all over the nation, and as they minister in the name of Jesus Christ, and witness concerning Him.

The need this year is great, since inflation is making costs of mission work so much larger than in years past. The Home Mission Board seeks to spread its dollars as far as it possibly can, but needs more dollars, so that the urgent

needs in so many places can be met.

We have seen Home Missions in action in Mississippi and other deep South states, in the great industrial states of the north and the northeast, in pioneer areas of the north and west, and in the crowded urban areas of the far west. We also have seen the ministry in Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico. In all of these places are dedicated people, diligently at work representing Christ and Southern Baptists. The glorious thing is that so many people do find Christ through their witness, and do learn of the freedom that is freedom indeed.

We all should share in making that witness even more far-reaching and effective. We can do so by having a part in this great Easter offering, and also by continued support of the Cooperative Program.

### Christ Is The Answer

During the period of the East-West simultaneous revivals back in the early 1950's, a slogan appeared all over the SBC, "Christ is the Answer." I well remember the thrill I felt as I first saw that sign on one of the large commercial bill-boards, just outside the gate of the Oklahoma City airport. On the left of the board was a huge picture of Christ, and on the right was the slogan in large letters. It was a truth I had believed and preached all my life, and now it seemed to shout at me and other passers by: "Christ is the answer."

I have thought of those words several times recently, especially as they so well fitted the testimony of some outstanding men who were appearing in Jackson.

Just a few weeks ago, speaking at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Jackson, Representative John Conlan of Arizona talked about Jesus Christ personally entering men's hearts, as being the one answer to the crisis problems confronting our nation today.

Last week at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast, Charles Colson, former aide to President Nixon,

gave a ringing testimony of what Jesus Christ had done in his life. (He had given a similar testimony at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami last summer.) In his new book "Born Again" Colson tells of how his life became involved in the Watergate scandal, of his personal relationship to Christ, of his experience in being sent to prison, and of the changes in life plans which Christ brought to him. In the opening chapter he tells of how he learned to submit all things to Christ. Truly his testimony is one that "Christ is the Answer." (The outstanding book, "Born Again" will be reviewed in an early issue of the Record.)

Last Friday night hundreds of members of First Baptist Church, Jackson, heard Marine Lt. Clebe McClary, tell of what Christ means to a man who gave an arm, an eye and other parts of his body in Vietnam, and who afterward found a life changing personal experience with Christ. His was a testimony that people must have a personal relationship with Christ if they are to be saved, and are to be ready

for life's crises. His, too, was a testimony that Christ is the answer.

So there we have it: Christ is the answer: In a world of crisis; to a man who had become entangled in the web of wrong doing; to the person who had seen grave suffering and disappointment; all found the same answer. . . . Jesus Christ.

This is what Baptists have been preaching for many centuries. They must continue to preach it now more than ever, for never were there so many people who needed an answer to the problems of life.

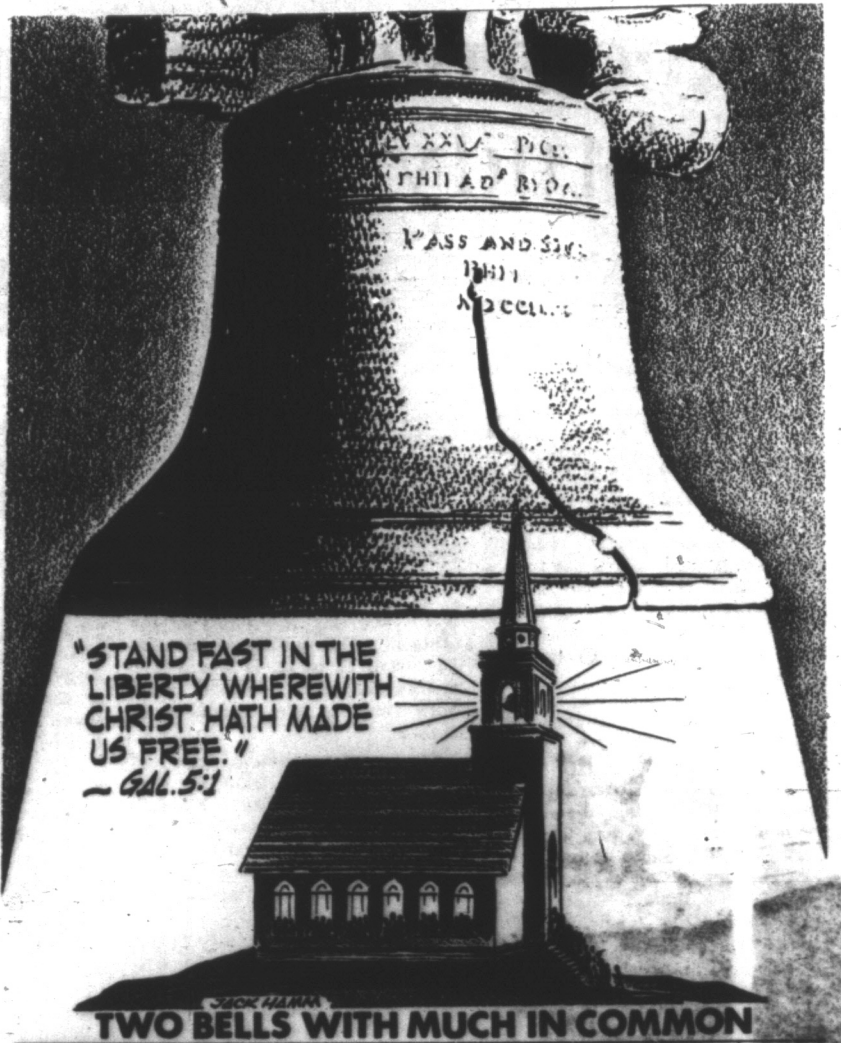
### Old Baptist Records

We erred in our recent statement that we had few copies of the Baptist Record for the period 1880-1898. We have discovered that we do have "microfilms" of most of the copies for these years.

It had been our thought for several years that we did have most of these, but a visit last year, to the Library of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., confused us. While there we asked to see the old Baptist Records for the period from 1877 to 1900, and were shown only one bound volume from 1877 to 1879. A search did not reveal others, and we came to the conclusion that they did not have them after all, and that the microfilms which had been made were of the 1877-79 volume which we saw. This was erroneous, since microfilms made by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in 1965 included most of the copies of most of the years from 1877 to 1897. (We also have copies and microfilm of all issues since 1898 in the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission offices at Mississippi College.)

It is possible that the reason no more bound volumes were found at Louisville was that the paper's game changed, so the filing was under a different name. The Baptist Record also has been called The Baptist and The Mississippi Baptist Record.

Whatever the cause, we gave erroneous information in our recent story, and hereby wish to correct it. We still have no copies for 1887, 1888, 1890 or 1891, but do have microfilms of all, or at least many of the copies from the other years.



### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Is Grateful For New Book-By-Book Bible Study

Dear Editor:

I can now mark off an all important object of prayer from my prayer list.

For years I have prayed that our Baptist church people would be given the opportunity to enjoy a book-by-book study of the Bible through our Sunday School leadership.

I thank my Lord that the new curriculum will offer this to us. I hope the teaching will start with Genesis and follow through to end with the Revelation. The Bible came to us in this form of compilation and surely our abilities to teach are not so limited that we cannot begin with creation and proceed with spiritual transition from one book to the next in order and finish with the great Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I once asked permission of my pastor (at the request of my Sunday School class) to allow us to teach in the book-by-book way; but he did not agree to it since our Sunday School teaching was mostly in topical method. I believed some day we would. Now we can settle down to the business of really breaking down the Scriptures and begin to learn many of the "whys" we know so little about.

More than just "Bible story" teaching is demanded of the Sunday School today. Thank God for this new vision in the teaching of the Bible to our Baptist people.

Mrs. Dixie L. Beard  
Evergreen Baptist Church  
Louisville, MS

### On The MORAL SCENE...

**ALCOHOL ON THE TV SCREEN** — A study of drinking on TV published in the Christian Science Monitor reports that during the new TV season "alcoholic beverages are seen or mentioned on the average of once every 17 minutes in the prime time period (8 to 11 p.m.)." The most dangerous impression that can be gleaned from the screen is that alcohol is an immediate and normal way of escaping anxiety, frustration or depression.

Over a period of time, watching TV personalities demonstrate an exaggerated reliance on alcohol as prop, joke, style-producer or problem-solver can tend, as the Monitor points out, "to reinforce bad drinking habits" and encourage an acceptance and reliance on alcohol "beyond what it would otherwise be." (America, January 17, 1976)

**161 SELECT SERMON OUTLINES** by C. H. Spurgeon and others (Baker, paper, \$1.99, 95 pp.) This reprint is a compact volume of select sermon outlines from sermon masters such as Charles Spurgeon, F. B. Meyer, and DeWitt Talmage. Ministers' Handbook Series.

**PALE MOON, THE STORY OF AN INDIAN PRINCESS** by Princess Pale Moon (Tyndale, 116 pp., \$4.95) Distorted images of the American Indian kept Princess Pale Moon behind a wall of fear for her first twenty years. Ashamed of her rich Cherokee heritage and yet unable to fit into white society, she began to hate herself. But she found significance in life through Jesus Christ and today she is a singing and recording star who has a personal ministry with thousands. This is her own story of living in an American minority, a forgotten people.

### Bicentennial Feature

#### 'Grant Us Liberty,' Baptists Tell State

BOSTON, 1774 — (BP) — Baptists flatly denied they were disloyal to their country and at the same time charged Massachusetts authorities with denying them the same rights over which colonists were ready to go to war with England.

"Must we be blamed for not laying still," Baptist leader Isaac Backus demanded in a letter to the Massachusetts Congress, "and thus let our countrymen trample upon our rights, and deny us that very liberty that they are ready to take up arms to defend for themselves?"

In threatening to take their plea for religious liberty to the king, Baptists were charged with attempting to advance their cause at the price of the country's welfare. Not only were Baptists accused of pressing "imaginary grievances" at a critical time, but a report circulated that Baptists sent Backus to Philadelphia to attempt to prevent the colonies from uniting to oppose England.

Backus silenced the accusation by telling the Massachusetts assembly, "Baptist churches as heartily unite with their countrymen in this cause as any denomination in the country, and are as ready to exert all their abilities to defend it."

"All America is alarmed by the tea tax," Backus said in his forthright letter, "though, if they please, they can avoid it by not buying the tea; but we have no such liberty. We must either pay the little tax, or else your people appear, even in this time of extremity determined to lay the great one upon us."

Backus referred to the clergy tax which required that Baptists contribute to the support of state church ministers. Baptists suffered persecution for many years because of the tax and were repeatedly unsuccessful in efforts to have it repealed.

"These lines are written," Backus continued, "to let you know that Baptists will not pay the clergy tax, not only under your principle of taxation without representation but because we dare not render homage to any earthly power which we are convinced belongs only to God."

"If you want to know what we ask of Massachusetts authorities," the Baptist spokesman concluded, "only allow us freely to enjoy the religious liberty that they do in Boston. We ask no more." (Prepared for Baptist Press by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville)

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### Aid For Guatemala

Inquiries have come indicating that pastors and churches are concerned about what they can do to aid the distressed people of Guatemala.

In an article on page one of this issue of the Record will be found a report making an appeal for such aid, and showing how it will be done.

Several years ago the Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Foreign Mission Board to set up a disaster response program, ready to start immediate action, whenever disaster strikes anywhere in the world outside the United States.

As a result, as soon as the news broke of the earthquake in Guatemala, the Foreign Mission Board acted. Missionaries already in the land were given support in responding to human need, and \$100,000 in relief funds was made available for their use. Representatives of the Board quickly moved to Guatemala, and teams of individuals who could assist in ministering to the people were enlisted to go when and where

they were needed. So, Southern Baptists are active in Guatemala, and have been almost from the hour the tragedy struck.

As this article says, the greatest need now is money. Gifts for Guatemala relief should be sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, designated for Guatemala. These will immediately be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, where donors can be sure they will be used in the name of Jesus Christ. Of course, many Baptists may want to support some of the other appeals which also are being made, and certainly are free to do so. Yet, one of the best ways we can help, is to support the Foreign Mission Board in the ministry it already has started.

An appeal came to our desk on Monday, February 24, for aid for victims of last week's tornado in Clinton and other Mississippi towns. Gifts for this also may be sent to the Convention Board and will be directed to the group seeking to aid these people.

### NEWEST BOOKS

**THE BRIDLED TONGUE** by Florence M. Taylor (Kents, 152 pp., \$5.95) A study of words as they are used in the Bible. Divided into sections: Our Words to One Another; My Words to Myself; God's Words to Us. Uses many scripture selections and discuss what they mean as they are expressions of language to and between people.

**HANDBOOK FOR MISSION GROUPS** by Gordon Cosby (Word, 175 pp., \$5.95) Report on a program used at the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D. C. in which every member is part of a mission group and shares in the witness and work of the church through these groups. This is not a book on a general mission program for a church, but specific details on the spiritual development of one church.

**A HANDBOOK OF SYMBOLS IN CHRISTIAN ART** by Gertrude Grace Hill (Macmillan, 241 pp., \$10.95)

**HIS-HERS DEVOTIONALS** by Vilma and William J. Krutza (Baker, \$2.95, 96 pp.) Meditations on husband-wife relationships, this book offers help in establishing meaningful adult devotional practices.

**AUDITORIUM PLANNING GUIDE FOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES** by Jerry A. Privette (Convention, paper, 58 pp., \$3.95) This book is intended to point out areas which should be included in auditorium planning plus the inclusion of some general guidance helps. While not meant as a construction manual, it has value as a planning guide.

**KID KEEPERS** by Bill Wilson and Paul Tedesco (Baker, paper, \$2.95, 52 pp.) A compilation of new ideas, resources, gimmicks and methods for use with youth and young adults groups in evangelical churches — a valuable handbook for children's workers and youth leaders.

**PRAYERS FROM WHERE YOU ARE** by Francis A. Martin (Word, 96 pp., \$2.95, paper) This sensitive collection of prayers comes from the heart. They are personal, yet they speak a universal language because they come from deep within one's soul. Each prayer has a spontaneity about it that makes it fresh and relevant for today. The author is editor of Pastoral Ministry Products at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

**WELCOME BACK, JESUS** by Stanley M. Horton (Gospel Publishing House, pocket book, paper, 120 pp., \$1.25) Studies on the return of Jesus Christ from the premillennial point of view.

**PREPARING TO TEACH GOD'S WORD** by G. Raymond Carlson (Gospel Publishing House, 128 pp., \$1.25) Principles which must be followed if a person is to become an effective Bible teacher.





The Resurrection Baptist Church in Miami ministers to ethnics in search of freedom. Over 1,000 language missionaries serving more than 30 different ethnic groups are supported from the \$2,600,000 allocated through the Annie Armstrong Offering.



Prisoner counseling in Moorefield, West Va., is being conducted by Homer Albright, pastoral missionary. Annie Armstrong Easter Offering allocations aid pastoral missionaries.



"Freedom is what we have." As Christians we understand Christ's blessing of freedom. As Americans, we understand freedom's blessing. The \$9,500,000 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal will allow the message of freedom to be spread throughout the Home Mission Board.



South Dakota State University's student ministry aids students in their search for freedom to find Christ through a realization of His love. The ministry is affiliated with the Northern Plains Baptist Convention.



Vietnamese children at Fort Chaffee, Ark., learn the intricacies of English through David Smith, Christian social ministries missionary. Christian social ministries will receive \$85,000 from the Annie Armstrong offering.



New York City's Bronx Baptist Chapel ministers to numerous hearts searching for truth. Sam Simpson, pastoral missionary, leads the work here.

## Music Night Meal To Be \$2

Music night for laymen March 19 at Rice Acres in Jackson will feature a catfish and chicken dinner along with a great deal of music entertainment. The cost for the meal will be \$2. A previous story indicated there would be no charge at the meeting.

## Prayer Lift For Pastors: Feb. 29-Mar. 6

**Franklin**  
Feb. 29  
Paul Parker, Sarepta  
Jewell Kysar, Sileam  
Glen Mullins, Spring Hill  
John Graves, Union

**Greene**  
March 1  
Bobby Dungan, Bexley  
Donnie Parker, Barton  
William McWilliams, Benndale  
Mike Racey, Hillcrest  
David Merritt, Lucedale, First  
March 2  
Thomas Brown, Midway  
C. G. Goff, Northside  
S. A. Adkins, Rocky Creek  
N. H. Smith, Shady Grove  
Wyllie Heath, Southside  
March 3

**Greene**  
Maurice Waltman, Cedar Grove  
Troy Smith, East Salem  
W. L. Yeastman, Fellowship  
James Harrison, Johnson Creek  
Gary Breland, Leaf

# Week of Prayer for Home Missions March 7-14 1976 A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

## Clinton Duo: Challenge To Senior Citizens

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
A Clinton pastor's widow who refuses to retire is daily companion to a disabled pastor who has refused to give up. Strangely, the "nurse" at 82 is eleven years older than her "patient." Both are a challenge to other senior citizens to squeeze the most from all of life.



Mrs. B. H. Lovelace

For nearly twenty winters Luke Mohon has been plagued by immobility. Since he had a stroke in 1957 while pastor at Okolona he has been able to move nothing but his right arm. Yet from his light and airy bedroom on Billy Byrd Drive in Clinton, he has kept up with the outside world by way of radio and television, the Baptist Record and daily newspapers. Surrounded by African violets, an antique clock, his books, and a poodle named Mitzel, he greets his visitors always with a word of cheer, a bit of wise advice, or a sly joke. He is a giver, not a taker.

she leaves her husband in the capable care of Mrs. Gertrude Lovelace.

If the patient and his wife are remarkable, so is the "sitter." Mrs. Lovelace has been a Baptist pastor's wife, dean of students at a Baptist college, housemother at a Baptist hospital, and kindergarten teacher in a Baptist church. One of her daughters works at Baptist state headquarters. Her other daughter married a Baptist deacon. Her granddaughter is married to a Baptist pastor, and her grandson is education and youth director for a Baptist church.

At least twice she has retired, but immediately took other jobs. "I first began work in 1939 as receptionist in a Jackson medical clinic," she recalls. That was three years after the death of her husband, Dr. B. H. Lovelace, who was pastor at Clinton for thirteen years. "I was housemother at Baptist Hospital's Gilfoy School for seven years," she says, "and housemother at Anderson's Hospital in Meridian for four years." Also she was a trustee of Baptist Hospital around five years.

After she returned from Meridian to Clinton to live with her sister, Marjorie Bellamy, she and her sister started in their home the first kindergarten in Clinton. Then in the 1950's she was dean of students at Blue Mountain College for three years. She retired, but soon began teaching in the kindergarten at First Church, Clinton. Again she retired — she thought. Then one day Mrs. Mohon asked, "Do you know anyone who might be a good companion for Luke?" and she answered, "What about

mission was close to his heart. Apparently he helped to get it started. He was Sunday School superintendent there, and my mother taught the Primaries. I was about six or seven when I went out with them on a Sunday afternoon to play a violin solo, and I remember that I played 'Throw Out the Lifeline'."

She was born in Florence, Alabama, August 17, 1893, one of the seven children of a medical doctor. Her mother, Grace Henry, was her father's third wife (the first two died), and was twenty years younger than he. "Mother first met my father at the wedding, when he was marrying his second wife, her teacher and friend."

"My father became deaf when he was about thirty. I remember well the ear trumpet he used. When I was about six, we moved to Chicago so that he could consult an ear specialist." She attended the famous John Dewey School in Chicago, after having gone to kindergarten elsewhere.

When his hearing failed to improve, Dr. Bellamy had to give up his medical practice. He returned to Alabama to become president of the Florence Wagon Works, a family venture established in 1882, which employed around 175 men and continued to do business until 1941.

The young Gertrude studied at a model school staffed by practice teachers from Florence State Teachers' College. Later, when a student at Florence State, she was a practice teacher in the same school. During her teen

years she went to school in Memphis and in Louisville, Ky. when her family lived in those cities.

At high school in Louisville, she played violin in the all-girl orchestra of sixty. At Florence State, she was violinist, and the only girl, in the school orchestra.

After her family had moved back to Florence, she answered a knock at the door one night in January, 1912, to find B. H. Lovelace, bachelor pastor of First Baptist Church, Florence. He had come to welcome the Bellamys back to the city. Though she was practically engaged to a young lawyer, Gertrude immediately thought of this preacher, "Here is a man I could really love!" That summer she broke up with the lawyer, and on April 29, 1913, she married the preacher.

On their first date they went to a revival meeting in Sheffield — along with his landlord and the landlord's wife. On their second date, he told her he was "sincere," referring to his intentions. Naively, she thought all preachers ought to be SINCERE.

Her children were all born in Kentucky, while her husband was pastor at Franklin and at Parkland Church, Louisville. Sara Bellamy (now Mrs. Frank Clifton Myers of Magee) was born at Franklin. Grace Whitfield (now office secretary in the Cooperative Missions Department, MCB) was born at Louisville. A son, B. H., died at three months, during the flu epidemic of 1918.

She has two grandchildren, Mrs. John E. Barnes, III and Clifton Frank (Buz) Myers, and four

great-grandchildren.

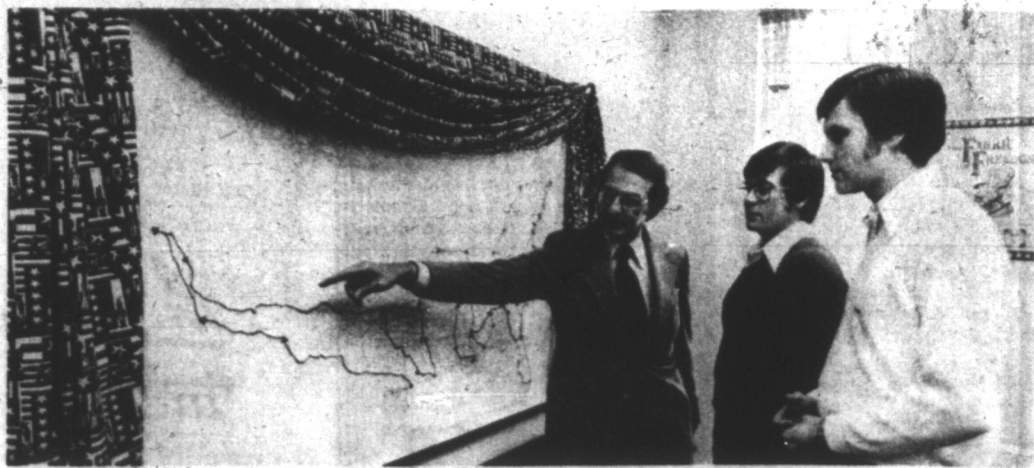
Since she was baptized at age twelve, she has been active in the church, particularly with small children. As early as age fourteen she taught a Sunday School class of small boys. She has been Beginner superintendent, nursery coordinator, and G. A. leader. For twelve years she was college counselor for Hillman YWA.

Since one of her favorite activities as a pastor's wife was entertaining guests, she prizes the memories of special persons who came to her home, such men as Dr. John R. Sampey and Dr. W. O. Carver. "Dr. A. T. Robertson once stayed with us for a week," she says, "when he came for Bible Week. I was nervous before he came, but found that he was not hard to entertain at all. He was very nice and gracious."

It became her tradition as pastor's wife in Clinton to entertain the incoming and outgoing BSU Councils with a meal in her home. She studied Bible at Mississippi College for two semesters.

Reared with all the arts and graces of the Old South, Mrs. Lovelace is charming, courteous, genteel, a truly great lady. Though she no longer plays the violin, she still attends many concerts. A choice cook, she often entertains guests at her home on Lakeview Drive in Clinton where she lives with her daughter, Grace. She is a green thumb gardener, a devoted bird watcher, a superb seamstress. She reads a great deal, especially "biographies, good magazines, and books on the Second Coming." Besides all this and her hours with Mr. Mohon, she drives her own car.





## Art-Photo Exhibit Travels 17,000 Miles

ATLANTA, Ga. — The 17,000 mile route for the Home Mission Board's bicentennial art-photo exhibit, "Faces of America," is pointed out by T. R. (Dick) Parlier, the HMB's volunteer bicentennial coordinating officer, to the two college students who will accompany it.

"Faces of America" is sched-

uled to be shown in Mississippi at: Jackson, April 15-16, 1976.

The students, Jim Brewer (center), and Joe Godfrey, will drive the van-load of equipment during the eight month tour which will include 48 cities in 23 states.

To be displayed in shopping malls, college campuses and national parks, "Faces of America"

depicts Americans playing, "working, loving and worshiping."

Godfrey, 21, of Rome, Ga., is a student at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Brewer, 22, of Ramsey, Ill., is a student at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill. Brewer majors in history, Godfrey in art.

## CP Trains Students At Ricks



Students study business courses at Ricks Institute in Liberia.

I am all excited about a four-year business program which was begun at Ricks Institute (Baptist boarding school) in 1974. Ricks basically trains students who plan to enter college. But in recent years, leaders both in the country of Liberia and the Baptist Convention of Liberia, have felt a very urgent need to train young people in business for two reasons: There is a great demand for well-qualified secretaries and accountants. And the colleges of the country can accept less than one-third of those who apply. Therefore there are many young people who have a high school education but who are not qualified for any type work upon graduation.

The business program is a four-year course of studies begun in the tenth grade. The fourth year is to be an on-the-job training in a well-established business.

Our facilities and equipment are quite adequate. This is all possible only because of faithful Baptists like yourself who support the Cooperative Program.

However, the program enumerated above is not my primary purpose for being here. There are so many opportunities to be a witness for my Savior. Each week I work with a large group of junior high GAs, then there are Sunday services, dormitory devotions, and the day-by-day contact with the students. But my greatest joy is the village children who are always around. Some have accepted Christ and growth is evident as they witness to others of this new found faith in Christ Jesus.

Rachael A. DuBard  
Missionary, Liberia

## Hickory Flat Youth Net \$635 For Missions

On December 21, the first day out of school for Christmas vacation, ten young people from Hickory Flat Church participated in a WALK-A-THON for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. They had obtained sponsors for varying amounts of money per mile and their goal was to walk from the courtyard in Ashland, county seat of Benton County, to their church in Hickory Flat, about 20 miles.

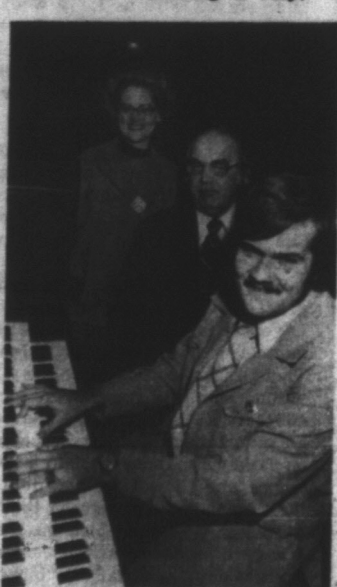
The parents of two young people transported the ten to Ashland Courtyard departure time was 8 a.m. Arrival time varied, as the first two made the trip in record time, arriving at the church by 2 p.m. The last ones arrived with shoes in hand at about 3:30 p.m.

In spite of sore throats, chapped faces, blistered feet, and aching muscles the participants felt that their efforts were not in vain as the total amount collected for the Lottie Moon Offering was \$635. This amount helped to make the total offering from the Hickory Flat Church \$2,873.12, more than ever before contributed and more than double the goal set by the church.

The young people who walked were: Nella Bennett, Lynn Simpson, Brenda Pritchard, Clare Gadd, Beth Joslin, Ronnie Harrington, Tim Smith, Dana Harrington, Teresa Autry, and Jill Perkins.

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## College Chapel Explains New Organ

A unique chapel experience was held February 3 on the Carey campus as students, faculty and staff were given an inspiring musical introduction to the variety of uses for the new Allen Digital Computer organ which was given to the college recently by Mr. and Mrs. Dumas Smith of Hattiesburg.

Shown looking pleased over the important new addition to the Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium are from left: Mrs. Helen McWhorter of the music faculty, Dr. Donald Winters, faculty and dean of the school of music, and Chuck Endsley, talented student organist.

## Today's Youth



## Miss Blue Mountain

Donna Abel, a sophomore from Nocona, Texas, has been chosen Miss Blue Mountain College and will represent the school in the annual Miss Mississippi contest later this year. Crowning the new Miss BMC is college president E. Harold Fisher.



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## Young People To "Walk For Mankind"

Plans are progressing rapidly for Jackson's third annual Walk for Mankind, according to Dr. William C. McQuinn, Walk Director. The Walk is scheduled for April 3 with at least five thousand young people expected to participate.

In conjunction with the twenty mile Walk is a five mile Run for Mankind under the leadership of Bill Guber. This is primarily for junior and senior boys and girls and adults. Track teams and clubs are invited to participate.

Since its inception in 1969 in California, the Walk for Mankind has customarily divided contributions between the international aid programs and local activities. Eighty percent of the sum raised by each walker automatically goes to fund 24 hospitals and medical and dental clinics serving the needy in the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Vietnam, Bali, Hong Kong, and Ethiopia.

Each Walker indicates how the remaining 20% should be spent. Last year this 20% went for such things as church choir robes, Junior-Senior proms, Boy Scout troops, and church youth groups.

Churches desiring to have programs on this worthy cause may contact Mrs. Pat Gilliland at 909-7873.

## Southwestern's Spring Enrollment Largest Ever

Fort Worth, TEX. — The largest spring enrollment ever has been reached here at Southwestern Seminary with a total of 2,813. Included in the figures are 78 stu-

dents from the state of Mississippi.

According to Dr. L. L. Collins, director of admissions and registrar, the present figure is up 20% from last spring's enrollment of 2,343. He added that this rise had been indicative of Southwestern's enrollment for the last two years.

Also reported was a record 1975-76 accumulative enrollment of 3,470, which included an unprecedented 1,300 new students. According to Southwestern Seminary's recent Long Range Planning Commission's enrollment projections, the record accumu-

lative enrollment of 3,470 was not anticipated until the year 1998.

Collins believes the high enrollment is indicative of a trend which is occurring through-out theological education. "Many students are remaining to complete their seminary education rather than leaving after a year or two," Collins noted.

States with the highest representation of students for the spring term included: Texas, 1,082; Oklahoma, 195; Florida, 133; Tennessee, 128; Louisiana, 123; Arkansas, 119; Alabama, 117; and Georgia, 108.

## Clinton Duo

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Okolona, included churches at Zachary, Louisiana; Oak Grove, Meridian; Pattison and Beech Grove, (Claborn); Ebenezer and Harland's Creek (Holmes); and Skene. He graduated from Copiah-Lincoln and Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Visitors who help to brighten his room — and in turn receive joy and counsel from him — include his daughter, Janet, whose husband is in law school at Oxford; his son, Troy, manager of Investments Securities for Protective Life Insurance Company at Birmingham; and his three grandchildren. They include his brothers and sisters, one of whom is Troy Mohon, registrar at Mississippi College. They include his four "preacher-boys" — men who answered the call to preach, under his ministry: Clark McMurray, pastor at First, Pascagoula; Jimmy Hodges of Alabama; Thurston Brice of Baton Rouge; Bill Green, of Alabama. They include pastors and friends from First Church, Clinton, and Morrison Heights Church, and churches where he was pastor.

It is his prayer, he says, that in some way his suffering may be used as a witness to his Christianity and to glory Christ.

## You Can Land This Bible Lands Tour

NEW ORLEANS — Participants in the seventh annual Bible Lands Tour, sponsored by the New Orleans Seminary, will have the opportunity to work at an archaeological "dig."

The "dig," at excavation site, is located at Tel-Aphik, Israel. The excavation opportunity is the last leg of a nearly five week itinerary beginning May 31 in New York and returning to New York, June 18.

Travels will include Greece, Turkey, and Israel.

The tour will be conducted by Dr. James Brooks, professor of New Testament, Greek and Geography at the New Orleans seminary. The excavation site is in part, under the direction of Professor of Archaeology, Dr. George Kelm. The tour is open to all interested parties. For more information, contact Dr. James Brooks, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70126.

NEW DELHI (RNS)—India, a predominantly Hindu nation with a large Muslim minority, is having liquor problems. Imbibing of beverage alcohol is prohibited by Hindu tradition and Muslim religious law.

## Pastor's Daughter Fourth In Family To Enter Blue Mtn.

For second semester at Blue Mountain College, a student entered her mother's Alma Mater. Marcelle Clayton is living now with her grandmother in New Albany, so she can join the Commuter's Club of the college and study in the "Family School."

Marcelle's mother, the former Mary Rice, her aunt, the former Sara Rice and Ethel Rice, first arrived in Blue Mountain, MS, from Black Mountain, N.C. During her senior year at Blue Mountain College, Mary

Rice was President of the Baptist Student Union. It was during her college career that she met a young man from nearby New Albany, Maurice Clayton, whom she married.

Marcelle's mother, Mrs. Clayton has served as president of the National Alumnae Association, and president of the SBC Pastor's Wives Conference.

All though Marcelle Clayton's school years, she has heard the "Rice" family theme, "Blue Mountain College." Her father, Rev. Maurice Clayton, now pastor of Hillcrest Church, Jackson, is a former trustee of Blue Mountain.

Miss Clayton's hobbies are swimming and reading. She is especially interested in studying Bible related courses. She was born in Tunica.

## POWERLINE

### MOM IS GONE AND DAD WON'T LISTEN

"The loss of a parent can take a toll in self-esteem as well as family relationships."

I have the problem of feeling like other people are better off than I am. My mom died when I was real young and I didn't know her much. I do know that the house used to be nice and clean. Now it's junky! And my dad has really changed a lot, too. He is hard to talk with and always busy. What can I do?

Most teenagers feel discouraged and lonely from time to time. This is especially true when one of your parents is no longer with the family. It seems that at the time when you need your mother most, she is not there to help. You may feel, too, that talking with your father is difficult. But don't stop trying to communicate with him. Fathers usually respond with sympathy to their daughters. If you give him a chance to listen to you, perhaps you could know each other better.

First, pick a time when the atmosphere is good, when he is not tired or busy. Do some listening as well as talking. Help him to know that you understand that he is lonely, too. Ask if a family council can be established to divide the household responsibilities among all the members. This kind of council can promote better communication. It can establish a time of sharing—both problems and good times. And it could encourage family worship, strengthening each of you for the responsibilities you have.

Finally, don't think less of yourself because of your loss. Remember that God's love says that you are a very valuable individual. He made a great sacrifice to tell us this. We should live as though we believe it.

A weekly radio program for youth broadcast nationwide by So. Baptist Radio-TV Commission. For information, write POWERLINE, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response.

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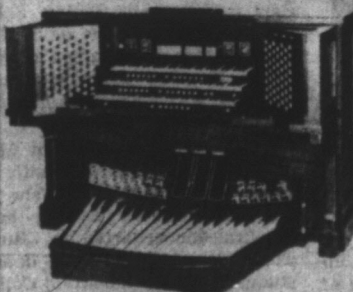
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# Jesus Demonstrates Total Commitment

By Wm. J. Fallis  
Matthew 19:1 to 21:5

This is the fourteenth lesson in our series on Matthew, and the study will continue through Resurrection Sunday.

While we have not examined every verse in the book, we have studied and will continue to study the main events and ideas in the Gospel. To help you understand the larger context, it would be wise now to look back at the lessons for the last three months. Notice especially how Jesus dealt with Satan's temptations concerning his mission (Dec. 28) and how he handled opposition to his idea of compassion (Feb. 1). But really everything that he said and did pointed toward the courageous and tragic



climax in Jerusalem.

**The Lesson Explained**  
Jesus Faces Jerusalem  
19:1-2; 20:17-19

These first two verses represent a summary statement to mark the end of one major section and the beginning of another. Matthew used this device five times in his Gospel. Here we see Jesus leaving friendly Galilee and traveling toward Jerusalem, where the orthodox religious leaders were waiting to trap him. Notice that Matthew calls attention to Jesus' healing ministry although the Gospel generally seems more concerned with his teaching ministry.

Verses 17-19 further clarify our understanding of what Jesus was anticipating. That journey to Jerusalem was not just an attempt to balance his concern for the northern and southern parts of the country. He could have had a rich and satisfying ministry in Galilee perhaps for many years. But he

had to confront the religious authorities with his God-given ideas, and he had to denounce their hypocrisy and callous ambition. That confrontation would bring him suffering and execution, but only that way could he be true to his commitment to God's will. Although this was the third time Jesus had told his disciples what was coming, they did not seem to understand.

**A Mother Seeks Honor**  
For her Sons  
20:20-23

Apparently the mother of James and John made her plea when Jesus was alone because verse 24 suggests that the other disciples were not present at the time. Jesus seems to have understood that James and John were in on her query because he spoke to them when he replied. Of course, the seats of highest honor in a throne room were those next to the king, but Jesus said those

places were open only to those who suffered as he would suffer. When the brothers said quickly, "We are able," Jesus agreed that eventually they would endure similar suffering, but the right of giving high honors in the kingdom belonged to the Father only. Thus, James and John show that they had not understood the meaning of the kingdom of God.

**Only A Servant Can Be Great**  
21:24-28

One commentator suggests that the indignation of the other disciples may have been sharpened by the two brothers using their mother to make the plea. Certainly the ten resented the two trying to secure honors above them all. So, Jesus had to take them aside and tell them what kind of fellowship he had called them into. His reference to the "princes of the Gentiles" reminded them of the behavior of their Roman rulers. Domination that could be enforced by physical power was

their pattern.

But that was not to be so among the followers of Jesus. Greatness for them would be measured by service. The Greek word for minister here is the same as for deacon, whose first duty is to serve others. "Servant" here means slave. Jesus was proposing a radical change in the way people should test relationships with others. In fact, the goal of fellow believers should be to serve others in the spirit Jesus showed when he gave "his life a ransom for many."

Did you know, for example, that in addition to his more obvious military and diplomatic skills, Washington was also an excellent businessman and accountant, an inventor, a scientific planter, a connoisseur of fine terrazzo floorings, a designer, a magnanimous host, and—according to Thomas Jefferson—"the best horseman of his age"?



The Knox Family

## Enon Calls Pastor

Enon Church, Big Springs Community, Clay County, has Rev. Edward N. Knox, of Houston, Ms., as pastor.

He was ordained Feb. 1, at his home church, New Hope, near Vardaman. Some of those taking part in the ordination service were: Rev. Charles Keel, Midway (Calhoun); Rev. James Shumate, First, Vardaman; Rev. Marvin Lee, Pearl River County missionary; and Dr. James Travis, professor at Blue Mountain College.

This was a double ordination service. Rev. Paul Crocker of New Hope was the other candidate.

He and his wife, Cecelia, have a two year old son, Kevin.

The church, under his leadership, has already gone to a full time program; eleven new members have been added; the church has voted to begin contributing regularly to the Cooperative Program; the adult S. S. class has been divided into two age groups. The frame building is old and in much need of repair, so—A NEW BUILDING PROGRAM IS IN PROGRESS.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work-

# The Promise Of His Coming

My favorite name for God is Jehovah which means the promise-keeping God. God always keeps promises. The great promise of the Old Testament has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. God is faithful. Because Jesus and Jehovah are one, we can be assured that our Lord will keep his promise to His church.

Somewhere I read that the Lord's Supper experience of worship was the "promise ring" that the Lord gave the bride until he came again. He said, "This do in remembrance of me."

The second coming of Christ is the "blessed hope" of the Christian (Titus 2:13). Varying positions may be held as to the detailed events accompanying the end of the age, but the fact of our Lord's return is abundantly and clearly taught in the New Testament. In the first century, as well as today, many doubted his return, but "the Lord is not slack concerning his promise."

The disciples asked Jesus about the signs of his coming. The

expression "second coming" does not appear in the New Testament, the nearest approach being found in Hebrews 9:28, "Christ . . . shall appear a second time." The close of the age could be rendered "the consummation of the age." This emphasis is upon the completion rather than termination.

Jesus sets the tone for the discourse by saying, "take heed." Negatively, he warned against false signs of his appearance, false messiahs, war and rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes, and pestilence. The idea is that people will mistake normal happenings of history for signs of his return. We are not to be deceived thereby. Life will go its normal way until, without warning, he appears.

Jesus taught that his return is an assured fact. When conditions are right he will come. Only one certain sign did Jesus, and this refers to conditions, not to time. The "coming" will be like the days of Noah in that men will be found unprepared. There is nothing wrong with "eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, working in the field, or grinding at the mill." What is fatal is such preoccupation with those normal and necessary matters that one neglects to "watch" for the coming of the Lord and "to be ready" for it. His return will be like a thief in the night. The householder must be prepared, must be ready for the coming of the Lord at any time.

The promise of His coming holds out the fulfillment of His supremacy over all of life. We do have something to look forward to. The "good old days" will never return. They have left us and can never again be recaptured. In our day of loss, of integrity, destruction, decay, and dismay of unfulfilled expectations, the Christian should be encouraged by the promise of Christ's return.

God who has created the world has not abandoned us, but stands at the beginning, in the midst, and at the end of our days. So keep the faith. In His coming, as with the flood, the Son of man will reflect the will of God. He will come, as with Noah, in a time that men think not he will come. His coming is the assurance that Jesus is Lord.

## Pastoral Care Seminar To Consider Cancer

How can pastors assist the cancer patient?

This is the question to be explored in Jackson March 2 when clergymen of various denominations get together for the state's 16th annual seminar on "Pastoral Care of the Ill."

Sponsors are Mississippi Baptist Hospital and the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the American Cancer Society, Mississippi Division.

A cancer patient, Mrs. Lynn Porch, Clinton, will describe the special needs felt by a cancer victim which clergymen might be able to answer.

A Jackson surgeon, Dr. James Spell, will address the clergymen. He is Mississippi's medical representative in the House of Delegates of the American Cancer Society and a former president of the Mississippi Division of the A.C.S.

Other speakers announced by Rev. Gordon Shamburger, Mississippi Baptist Hospital chaplain, who will coordinate the seminar, will be Dr. James Travis, chaplain at the University Medical Center, and Elizabeth Johnson, of the staff of the Mississippi Division, A.C.S.

The seminar will be held at Baptist

The oldest living thing in the world is a 46-year-old bristlecone pine in the White Mountains of California; and the biggest thing alive is the "General Sherman" sequoia in Sequoia National Park—355-room bungalows could be constructed from it.

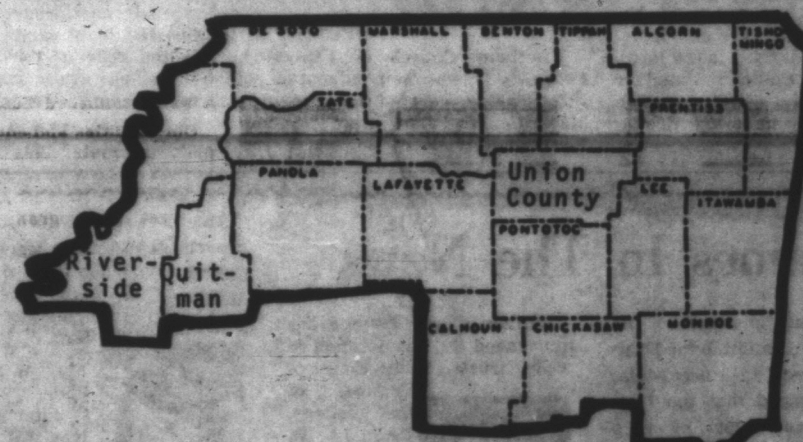
## Hamblin, Pollard To Be Featured At Attala Evangelism Conference

Two outstanding Mississippi Baptist pastors will be featured at the Attala Baptist Associational Evangelism Conference on March 2. Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, will lead the Bible study, and Dr. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will be the preacher. Each will appear twice on the program, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m.

The conference will be held at Second Church, Kosciusko. Rev. Johnny Parks, host pastor, is also chairman of evangelism for the association. Dr. W. Levon Moore is director of missions for the association.

The flour produced at Washington's Mount Vernon was so unusual for its purity and excellence that it was known all over the Americas and Europe.

## Church Training PASTOR-DIRECTOR CONFERENCES



Date	Association	Meeting Place	Time	Conference Leader
March 1	Pontotoc	Randolph	7:00	David McCubbin
	DeSoto	Long View Heights	7:00	Bill Hardy
March 2	Lee	Bissell	7:30	David McCubbin
	Panola	North Batesville Church	7:30	Bill Hardy
	Marshall	FBC, Holly Springs	7:30	Kermit S. King
March 4	Lafayette	FBC, Oxford	7:00	Kermit S. King
March 8	Monroe	Meadowood, Amory	7:30	Kermit S. King
March 9	Tate	Mt. Zion	7:30	Kermit S. King
March 15	Prentiss	East Booneville	7:00	Ronald W. L. Mills
	Benton-Tippah	Springdale, Ripley	7:00	Kermit S. King
March 16	Union County	Pleasant Ridge	7:00	Kermit S. King
	Quitman	Sledge	7:30	Ronald W. L. Mills
March 29	Tishomingo	New Prospect	7:00	Kermit S. King
March 30	Alcorn	Oakland	7:00	Kermit S. King
April 1	Chickasaw	FBC, Houston	7:30	Kermit S. King
April 3	Itawamba	Trinity	7:00	Glen Williams
April 6	Riverside	Clarksdale Church	7:00	Glen Williams

David McCubbin, Bill Hardy, and Ronald W. L. Mills are Ministers of Education at FBC, Meridian; FBC, Columbus; and Woodland Hills, Jackson. Glen Williams is Director of Missions in Pike Association, a trained Church Training Growth Consultant, and special adult worker with the Mississippi Church Training Department. They will bring a wealth of personal experience as well as professional expertise to bear in the conferences they lead.

### Content

Be prepared to ask these questions . . . and others . . . for the conference leader will have an answer.

What can the Mississippi Church Training Department do for me and my church?

We Invite You To  
**PENT**



Who's watching you that you're trying to please? Or to keep from offending? What reward can he or she give you? What punishment? By what authority? So, why worry about it?

There is something strangely relaxing in striving to please God the Father, Jesus the Son. Relaxing and demanding. Yet not nearly as demanding as I used to think. Not nearly as demanding as I used to be of myself.

Jesus, the on-earth humanity of God, used to work until he was bone-tired, too. Sometimes he went away in a boat to rest. So I have learned to pray, "Father, I know all I have waiting for me to do, but I can't manage one more thing. I have to sit here a while doing nothing. It may take me an hour of doing nothing before I can do something." Often I feel the warmth of His approval tucked around me with the same gentleness that James tucks an afghan around me when I've fallen asleep unexpectedly on the couch or floor or in my red chair. Sometimes people can't allow someone an hour of doing nothing without their eyebrows getting nervous and twitchy.

Another thing, den drapes don't bother Jesus, either. Those drapes need to be replaced at our house, but drapes for a 15-foot window have not seemed the right thing to do. And I won't change them until it does seem right.

Though Jesus wasn't ever a wife or mother He seems to understand that on occasion being a wife and mother takes precedence over everything else going on in the world. Would you believe even something going on at church? Rarely, but yes.

He seems to know before I do



## Mississippi Newsbriefs

# Just For The Record



## Van Winkle Breaks Ground For Half Million Dollar Family Center

On January 25 Van Winkle Church, Jackson, held a groundbreaking service for a new Family Life Center. The service was held in the sanctuary, due to rain. The half million dollar Family Life Center will include a gymnasium, games room, snack bar, banquet hall, drama area, ceramics and crafts room, children's church auditorium, and additional educational space. Construction began February 2. Left to right are Johnny Laing, representing the youth; Bruce Davis, youth and activities director; Randall Johnson, chairman of the fund raising campaign; Bill Sullivan, chairman of the building committee; Avery Ainsworth, chairman of deacons, and Dr. H. A. Milner, pastor.

## Macedonia Calls Nerren As Pastor

Rev. Don Nerren has accepted the call of Macedonia Church in Brookhaven, as pastor.



Mr. Nerren goes to Macedonia from First Church, Sumrall. He has served New Zion and Mt. Zion in Simpson County and Flag Chapel and Calvary Churches in Jackson. Mr. Nerren will graduate from New Orleans Seminary in May of this year. His name appears in the 1974 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Mr. Nerren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nerren, Jr. of Tupelo and is married to the former Linda Sue Cauthen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Cauthen of Collins. They have one daughter, Rhonda.

**CHRIST CHURCH, Barbados** — Southern Baptist Missionary Elba (Mrs. William L.) Womack had her first art exhibit here at Bethany Baptist Church recently.



## Bethany Burns Note

Bethany Church (Jeff-Davis) burned the note of indebtedness, February 1 on their education building which was completed in 1972. Taking part in the ceremony were deacons: Jerry Burket, Mack Coulter, Gary Harvey, Chairman, W. L. Ainsworth (pastor), Ford Sauters, Kent Boleware, Tommy McCraw.

## Men's Day At 1st, Lauderdale

Three deacons of First Church, Lauderdale, cooked breakfast in the fellowship hall on Men's Day, January 25. "A good attendance" showed up to eat what they had prepared.

Men were in charge of the day's services at the church, with an all-men's choir, and four men giving their personal testimonies.

Rev. Jerry Bishop, pastor, reports that "there were five additions by letter and two for baptism. God has blessed our church in growth of Sunday School and Training Union attendance."

## Attala Leaders Attend Retreat

Eighteen Attala Baptist leaders were involved in an Associational Leadership Retreat held recently at Atwood Lodge. Following the meal the group enjoyed devotional messages by Eugene Bailey, moderator, and Dr. Harold T. Kitchings, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko.

Highlight of the retreat was a conference led by Chester Vaughn, program director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. W. Levon Moore is director of missions for Attala Association.

## Wildwood, Laurel

### Calls Pastor

Wildwood Church, Laurel, announces that Rev. Marcus D. Finch, Jr., has been called as pastor.



Born in Cartersville, Georgia, Mr. Finch was ordained in 1965 at the Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia.

He came to Mississippi College, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Bible. In 1969, he received the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans.

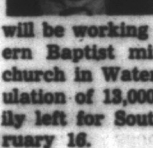
Since 1969, he has pastored Georgetown, Mississippi; First Church, Richton, and Calvary, Hattiesburg, the church where he was serving when Wildwood called him.

Active in associations wherever he serves, Mr. Finch was moderator, Vacation Bible School director, and a member of the Mission Committee in Perry Association; and was moderator for the Lamar Association. He served as Mississippi Baptist Convention Board member during 1972-73.

Finch is married to the former Martha Tupper of Greenwood, who is also a graduate of Mississippi College. They are the parents of two children, Melanie, 8, and Marc, 5.

## Fleming Begins New Work In S. Dakota

Rev. Archie D. Fleming, former pastor of Providence (Grenada) for four and one-half years, and interim pastor at Wayside Church since October, has moved to Watertown, South Dakota, to serve in pioneer mission work.



Mr. Fleming will be working as the first Southern Baptist minister to start a church in Watertown, with a population of 13,000. He and his family left for South Dakota on February 16.

## Devotional

### Sunrise Or Sunset?

By Pat Nowell, Pastor, First, Tunica  
Genesis 6:11

Americans are concerned about their country—and rightfully so! According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, serious crime in the United States rose 17% in 1974. This alarming increase is not confined to the inner city areas of the metropolitan centers of our nation, for there was also a 21% increase in crime in the rural areas. Since 1969 arrests of persons under 18 are up 16%. In the past few months the heads of several major American corporations have confessed to corporate bribery. The former governor of a midwestern state, who was a World War II hero, was recently indicted for fraud. A 1974 study by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on alcohol use in the country indicates a dramatic and alarming increase in the use of alcohol by teenagers. Is there any wonder why some Americans are questioning the basic moral fiber of our nation? America is part of the world today, that reminds a person of the world in the days of Noah. Regarding that era, the Bible says: "As seen by God, the world was rotten to the core" (Genesis 6:11, Living Bible).

As we enter this bicentennial year of our nation's history, it would be well to ask ourselves: "Are we about to bring God's wrath and destruction upon ourselves even as did the people of Noah's time, or are we entering an even greater period of national glory and honor? Is the sun of our nation's future rising or setting?"

On September 17, 1787, when members of the Federal Convention came forward to sign the Constitution that they had drafted during those long, hot months in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin made a statement. He arose and looking toward the president's chair, at the back of which a rising sun was painted, he observed that painters had found it difficult in their art to distinguish between a rising sun and a setting sun. He said:

"I have often in the course of the session amidst the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issues looked at that behind the presidency without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. Now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun."

That should be our bicentennial hope. Let us hope and pray that beginning with this bicentennial year the sun of our nation's glory, honor and worth before God will rise even higher.

Although there may be many reasons to prompt us to question our nation's sense of values, there is even more reason to see the sun as rising on an even greater day for America. Because of the hope that there is in God, there is no reason to be a pessimist. Through Jesus Christ we can be even more than an optimist—because through Christ we can be a "hopeist!"

Time after time, when we have faced moral destruction from within, America has experienced moral and spiritual revivals that have saved us from destruction. Oh, how we need another spiritual awakening to sweep our nation and help us in solving many of our nation's problems! How wonderful it would be if this awakening would begin this year—our nation's 200th birthday! Let each of us pray that it might begin in my heart—today!

## Coast Ministers Oppose Bill To Permit Racing

The Pas-Point Ministerial Association, by unanimous vote, went on record as "opposing any change in legislation to permit horse

racing in Mississippi."

Present were Byron E. Mathis, R. Leslie Holmes, Arthur M. Schneider, Jr., Seth W. Granberry, Jr., John L. Ash, Julius D. Williams, Zeno Wells, James V. Miller, Bobby C. Perry, Patrick J. Veale, Willie Norman, Howard T. Lips, Sr., Clark W. McMurray, William H. Sanford, James J. Hannon, and C. W. Nicholson.

## Names In The News

D. A. Falk, chairman of the personnel committee for Eastlawn Church in Pascagoula, has announced that the Rev. Bill Barton, Supt. of the Homes of Grace, Ocean Springs, for the past eleven years, will serve as interim pastor for the congregation until the church secures a full time minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, missionaries in Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 601 N. Monroe St., Clinton, Miss. 39056).

Emogene Harris, missionary to Nigeria, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: PMB 1720, Onitsha, Nigeria).

Mary Sampson, missionary to Taiwan, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 135, Taichung 400, Taiwan, Republic of China).

Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. Phlegar, missionaries to Thailand, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 2, Chonburi, Thailand).

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel E. J. Cannata Jr., missionaries to Ethiopia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 5539, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).

William Carey College has announced the appointment of a new trustee to the Board of Trustees of the college.



Dr. J. B. Fowler, Jr., pastor of First Church of McComb has joined the 15-member board. A native of Oklahoma, Dr. Fowler came to Mississippi in 1973 from the Southeast Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

Richard Davis, youth director of First Church, Poplarville, has been named to the 1976 listing of "Outstanding Young Men in America." A 1974 graduate of William Carey College, he has re-enrolled to complete a second degree. He has also attended New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Nan Davis, daughter of Joyce and Ralph Davis, missionaries to Ghana.

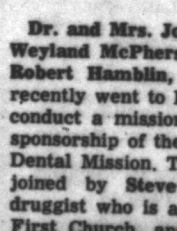
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Davis, missionaries to the Philippines, may be addressed at P. O. Box 98, Davao City, Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Moseley, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 481 Jacks Creek Circle, Henderson, Tenn. 38340).

Todd Bowen was licensed to preach February 6 by First Church, Okolona. Rev. Roy McHenry, pastor. The 17-year-old senior at Oak Hill Academy, West Point, plans to enter college this fall. Available for supply preaching, he may be contacted by phone at 447-2137 Okolona or 369-4452 Aberdeen. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Bowen of Okolona.



Dr. and Mrs. Jordan Lewis, Weyland McPherson, and Dr. Robert Hamblin, of Tupelo recently went to Honduras to conduct a mission under the sponsorship of the Honduras Dental Mission. They were joined by Steve Dillard, a druggist who is a member of First Church, and some others from Laurel. Dr. Lewis did dental work in a remote village in Honduras. Dr. Dillard dispensed medicine to the people there, and Dr. Hamblin conducted evangelistic services in Tegucigalpa. Mr. McPherson went to take care of the equipment.



Gerry McDaniel, right, Sunday School director at East Corinth Church, awarded perfect attendance plus to a father, Edward Shelton, seven years; and his two sons, Tommy, 19 years' perfect attendance and Billy Joe, 20 years' perfect attendance.



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## Mt. Pleasant Church Calls J. L. Harrison

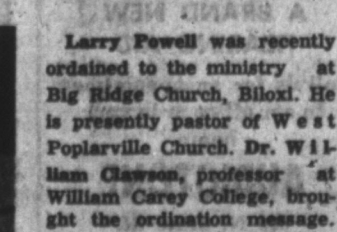
Mt. Pleasant Church (Holmes) has called Rev. James L. Harrison as pastor. Mr. Harrison, a graduate of Mississippi State University, is at New Orleans Seminary, seeking a Master of Theology degree. He retired from the Army as a colonel.

He and his wife, the former Margie White, will move into the parsonage at Mt. Pleasant the last of May.

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## Off The Record

Mother: "Amy, what did you learn in kindergarten today?"

Amy: "Um-m-m, we heard a story."

Mother: "What was the story about?"

Amy: "It was about Shadrach, Meshack, and a billy goat!"

—Mrs. Albert Fordham

"I heard something this morning that really opened my eyes."

"So dig I—an alarm clock."

To market, to market, to buy a rib roast—home again, home again, eggs on toast.

A man returned to his office after his two-week vacation, and one of his fellow workers asked him what kind of a time he'd had.

"I spent the whole two weeks of my vacation helping my wife paint all the rooms in our house," he groaned.

"Does your wife repaint the rooms very often?"

"Well," came the reply, "when we moved in, the guest room was 9 by 12, and now it's 8 by 11."

There was a mother who was having a hard time getting her son to go to school one morning. "Nobody likes me at school," said the son. "The teachers don't and the kids don't. The superintendents want to transfer me, the bus drivers hate me, the school board wants me to drop out and the custodians have got it in for me. I don't want to go."

"You've got to go," insisted the mother. "You're healthy. You have a lot to learn. You've got something to offer others. You are a leader. Besides you are 49 years old. You're the principal and you've got to go to school."

"Miss Wilcox," said the boss to his new secretary, "always add a column of figures at least three times before you show me the results."

The next day she walked into his office, and smiling sweetly she handed him a set of figures she had just completed. "Mr. Johnson," she said, "I added these figures ten times."

"Good. I like a girl to be thorough."

"And there," she finished, "are my ten answers."



RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK AT CAREY, February 10-12, featured popular youth speaker Dr. Chester Swor, left, and Scott Cook, center, whose chalk drawings (shown in rear) were an added attraction to the special services. Al Fike, chairman of evangelism for the Carey Baptist Student Union, poses above with the duo who not only travel and work together but have co-authored a book together.